

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-24 have been canceled. Claims 25-35 are newly added.

1 25. (new) A printing apparatus for printing video data generated by a computer,
2 comprising:

3 a data bus connected to said computer, said data bus having a first data line for conveying
4 input video data generated by said computer to said printing apparatus and a second data line for
5 conveying dividing ratio data generated by said computer, and accompanying said input video data,
6 to said printing apparatus;

7 an output port connected to said second data line for receiving and storing said dividing
8 ratio data;

9 a clock signal generator for generating a local clock signal exhibiting a plurality of pulses
10 characterized by a first frequency;

11 a first divider for generating a first clock signal by dividing pulses of said local clock
12 signal, said first clock signal having a plurality of pulses characterized by a second frequency
13 different from said first frequency;

7 a second divider for generating a second clock signal by dividing said pulses of said local
8 clock signal in dependence upon the stored dividing ratio data, the stored dividing ratio data being
9 output from said output port, said second clock signal having a plurality of pulses characterized
10 by a third frequency different from said first and second frequencies and established in dependence
11 upon said stored dividing ratio data;

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12 a data transmitter for converting said input video data into serial video data in response
13 to said first clock signal, and for transmitting said serial video data in response to a horizontal
14 synchronization signal;

15 a chopping unit for receiving said serial video data transmitted by said data transmitter, and
16 in response to said second clock signal, generating chopped serial video data;

17 a print controller for generating beam data in response to said chopped serial video data;
18 and

19 a laser beam generator for generating a scanning laser beam for defining images
20 corresponding to said beam data, and generating a beam detection signal derived from the scanning
21 of said scanning laser beam; and

22 said print controller generating said horizontal synchronizing signal in response to said
23 beam detection signal.

1 26. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 25, said chopping unit comprising
2 an AND gate having a first input port coupled to receive said serial video data transmitted by said
3 data transmitter and a second input port coupled to receive said second clock signal.

1 27. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 25, further comprised of a mode
2 selector enabling a user to change a characteristic of said second clock signal.

1 28. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 26, further comprised of a mode

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2 selector enabling a user to change a characteristic of said second clock signal.

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29. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 26, further comprised of a mode
2 selector enabling a user to double the frequency of said second clock signal.

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30. (new) A printing apparatus for printing video data generated by a computer,
comprising:

3 a data bus connected to said computer, said data bus having a first data line for conveying
4 input video data generated by said computer to said printing apparatus and a second data line for
5 conveying dividing ratio data generated by said computer, and accompanying said input video data,
6 to said printing apparatus;

7 an output port connected to said second data line for receiving and storing said dividing
8 ratio data;

9 a clock signal generator for generating a local clock signal exhibiting a plurality of pulses
10 characterized by a local frequency;

11 a clock divider for dividing pulses of said local clock signal to generate a first clock signal
12 and a second clock, said first clock signal having a plurality of pulses characterized by a second
13 frequency different from said local frequency, and said second clock signal being established in
14 dependence upon said stored dividing ratio data to having a plurality of pulses characterized by
15 a third frequency different from said local and first frequencies;

16 a data transmitter for converting said input video data into serial video data in response

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17 to said first clock signal, and for transmitting said serial video data in response to a horizontal
18 synchronization signal;

19 a chopping unit for receiving said serial video data transmitted by said data transmitter, and
20 in response to said second clock signal, generating chopped serial video data;

21 a print controller for generating beam data in response to said chopped serial video data;
22 and

23 a laser beam generator for generating a scanning laser beam for defining images
24 corresponding to said beam data, and generating a beam detection signal derived from the scanning
25 of said scanning laser beam; and

26 said print controller generating said horizontal synchronizing signal in response to said
27 beam detection signal.

1 31. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 30, further comprised of a mode
2 selector enabling a user to double the frequency of said second clock signal.

1 32. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 30, said chopping unit comprising
2 an AND gate having a first input port coupled to receive said serial video data transmitted by said
3 data transmitter and a second input port coupled to receive said second clock signal.

1 33. (new) The printing apparatus as set forth in claim 31, said chopping unit comprising
2 an AND gate having a first input port coupled to receive said serial video data transmitted by said

3 data transmitter and a second input port coupled to receive said second clock signal.

4 34. (new) A method for controlling a laser signal in an electrophotographic developing
5 type reproduction apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

6 conveying input video data, generated by a data source, to said electrophotographic
7 developing type reproduction apparatus over a data bus connected to said data source;

8 conveying dividing ratio data, generated by said data source, to said electrophotographic
9 developing type reproduction apparatus over said data bus connected to said data source;

10 separating said dividing ratio data from said input video data;

11 storing the dividing ratio data, separated from said input video data, in memory;

12 generating a local clock signal exhibiting a plurality of pulses characterized by a first
13 frequency;

14 generating a first clock signal by dividing pulses of said local clock signal, said first clock
15 signal having a plurality of pulses characterized by a second frequency different from said first
16 frequency;

17 outputting said dividing ratio data from said memory;

18 generating a second clock signal by dividing said pulses of said local clock signal in
19 dependence upon the dividing ratio data output from said memory, said second clock signal having
20 a plurality of pulses characterized by a third frequency different from said first and second
21 frequencies and established in dependence upon said stored dividing ratio data;

22 converting said input video data into serial video data in response to said first clock signal,

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23 and transmitting said serial video data in response to a horizontal synchronization signal;
24 receiving said serial video data transmitted by said data transmitter, and in response to said
25 second clock signal, generating chopped serial video data;
26 generating beam data in response to said chopped serial video data; and
generating a scanning laser beam for defining images corresponding to said beam data, and
28 generating a beam detection signal derived from the scanning of said scanning laser beam; and
29 generating said horizontal synchronizing signal in response to said beam detection signal.

1 35. (new) The method as set forth in claim 34, further comprising a step of doubling the
2 frequency of said second clock signal.